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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 96  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate senior Ryan McSwain, Donelson Christian Academy lineman, on leading his team to the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is especially proud that our state has athletes who work hard, who make a significant difference in their team's success, and most importantly, who serve as fine examples of how to be a winner, both in athletics and in life; and

WHEREAS, with the crucial assistance of senior lineman Ryan McSwain, the 1996 Donelson Christian Academy football team successfully completed the long, tough journey known as "The Quest" to be crowned the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state champion; and

WHEREAS, DCA had an unblemished regular season, impressively beating East Robertson 43-0, Lighthouse Christian 61-0, Davidson Academy 45-7, Friendship Christian 35-0, Lookout Valley 58-14, Franklin Road Academy 51-6, Jo Burns 38-7, Battle Ground Academy 33-18, Christ Presbyterian Academy 21-12 and Ezell-Harding 48-0; and

WHEREAS, in the initial rounds of the playoffs, the Wildcats defeated Watertown 48-0, South Pittsburg 37-6, Trousdale County 36-19 and BGA 13-0 in overtime; and

WHEREAS, they won the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A title by overwhelming St. Benedict 51-3 in the Clinic Bowl; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to being the state champions, DCA also won the Region 4-A title this season; and

WHEREAS, they had an enviable undefeated 15-0 overall season record; and

WHEREAS, Ryan posted an impressive 94 tackles and 12 sacks; and

WHEREAS, Ryan's efforts were appropriately honored when he was nominated for the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A Gill Gideon "Mr. Football" award; and

WHEREAS, he was also selected to the All-State-All-Region, All-Mid-State and All-Metro teams; and

WHEREAS, Ryan is widely acknowledged to be the best lineman in the storied history of Donelson Christian Academy football; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize Ryan's tremendous importance to the team's success; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Ryan McSwain on leading Donelson Christian Academy to the Class A state football championship and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.